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RAHAT (AP) – Israeli police said they demolished an illegally built mosque in the southern Bedouin city of Rahat, touching off rock-throwing protests by residents. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the two-story mosque was knocked down November 7 in keeping with a court ruling. Mosque activist Yousef Abu-Jama said residents built the structure illegally because Israeli authorities would take too long to issue approval. Authorities rarely target mosques for demolition. This particular mosque was financed by a group that is frequently in conflict with authorities.